THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Apart from the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1992-93, Government of India had released 2 advance instalments of Central share of CRF for the year 1993-94 amounting to Rs. 10.125 crores, Rs. 11.625 crores and Rs. 14.625 crores to the States of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu respectively. The Governments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala have also been released Ways and Means advances of Rs. 50.00 crores each and Government of Karnataka Rs. 30.00 crores. An amount of Rs. 75.00 lakhs has been released by Government of India for relief and rehabilitation in the affected areas of Pondicherry.

2. The State Governments have undertaken various relief measures in the affected areas. These include :—

(i) Evacuation of population from low lying areas.

(ii) Operation of Relief camps.

(iii) Dropping of Food packets in marooned areas.

(iv) Distribution of ex-gratia payment to the families of deceased.

(v) Providing assistance for repair/reconstruction of damaged houses.

(vi) Distribution of Agriculture input Subsidy.

(vii) Assistance for loss of animals.

Allocation of Funds to Small and Marginal Farmers of Andhra Pradesh

3116. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 53.80 crores has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh to protect the special interest of small and marginal farmers;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines for its utilisation and how it is spent; and

(c) the full details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following schemes were suggested as guidelines :—

(i) Buffer-stocking of quality seeds/seed production in North-East;

(ii) Schemes for provision of bore/shallow tube-wells, etc.;

(iii) Drip irrigation system among small/marginal cotton cultivators;

(iv) Land development including reclamation of soils;

(v) Strengthening infrastructure for small/marginal farmer cooperatives for poultry, fishery, fruit/vegetables, etc;

(vi) Improving storage/retail outlet, provision of soil testing laboratories, to promote fertilizer use in low consumption areas;

(vii) Promote use of small tractors;

(viii) Setting up fertilizer quality control infrastructure; and

(ix) Establishment of biological control laboratories.

States were allowed adequate flexibility in preparing the schemes from amongst the guidelines or as per felt needs and local conditions. The State of Andhra Pradesh has taken up the following schemes for implementation :—

(i) Buffer stocking of seeds.

(ii) Creation of irrigation facilities by providing bore-wells/shallow tubewells/dugwells/tanks/drip irrigation system/lift irrigation, etc.

(iii) Scheme on Biofertilizers and biopesticides.

(iv) Small Tractors

(v) Strengthening of Soil Testing Laboratories

(vi) Scheme on Sericulture

(vii) Scheme on Milk Production

(viii) Scheme on Fisheries.